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LIBRARY AND AFSCME REACH ACCORD ON GROUND RULES

The Library of Congress and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (Locals 2477 and 2910) representatives signed an agreement on May 26, on the ground rules for the conduct of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement. Two separate agreements on voluntary allotment of dues were also signed. The three agreements were reached after three sessions of negotiations totaling seven hours.

Major provisions of the ground rules agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) include:

The Union Bargaining Delegation will consist of a chief negotiator and not more than 10 team members and four alternates.

Negotiations will take place on Monday and Wednesday of each week from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. They will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. after the allotted official time has been used.

The employee-members of the union's bargaining team and its employee note-taker will each be allowed 40 hours of official time for preparation for negotiations (limited to four hours per week) and the negotiations themselves. A maximum team total of 440 hours of excused absence will be allowed. Any alternate's official time will be charged against the time of the team member he or she replaces. (The use of official time will begin with the first negotiating session.)

Upon request and where feasible, the Library will provide a room for the union's use for preparation for negotiations on non-duty time when the Library is open to the public and on official time for not more than four hours per week.

Pursuant to the ground rules, the union will submit a proposed collective bargaining agreement within 90 days from the date of the (ground rules) agreement, after which the Library will submit its counterproposal within 45 days. The parties will then meet within 10 days after the submission of the Library's counterproposal for the purpose of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement.

CARPOOL SURVEY UNDERWAY

The Administrative Department is conducting a semiannual review of the assignments of the 22 reserved parking spaces located on East Capitol St. between 1st and 2nd Sts. adjacent to the Library of Congress Building. Permits currently issued to carpools are to expire June 30. Staff members applying for this parking should submit their requests on Form LW 27/55 (rev 1/74). This form is to be submitted by one member of each carpool not later than Wednesday, June 16, to the Administrative Department office. Details of carpool assignments are found in Special Announcement 759, issued June 2.

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Two separate voluntary allotment agreements were made to apply to union members in Local 2477 (non-professional unit) and 2910 (professional unit). Under one agreement, those non-professional union members who authorized dues deduction in January 1973 will be allowed to continue dues check-off without signing a new allotment authorization form. All other professional and non-professional unit members who desire dues check-off must sign a modified Standard Form 1187.

NHPRC MEETS

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) met on May 17 in the West Conference Room of the Supreme Court Building. The Library of Congress representative on the NHPRC, Elizabeth Hamer Kegan, Assistant Librarian of Congress (American and Library Studies), attended.

The commission was faced with an extraordinarily full agenda—17 proposals for records projects, 20 for continuing publications projects in letterpress or microfilm, 12 new proposals for publications in one or the other of these media, and 14 applications for subventions to university presses that are printing extensive documentary publications. Some of these were approved, some rejected, and some deferred for further information and refinement of the projects proposals. Three fellows for 1976-1977 were approved: Ilana E. Stern, *Foreign Relations* (U.S. Department of State); Elaine F. Crane, *Madison Papers* (University of Virginia); and Donna Jane Spindel, *Morris Papers* (City University of New York).

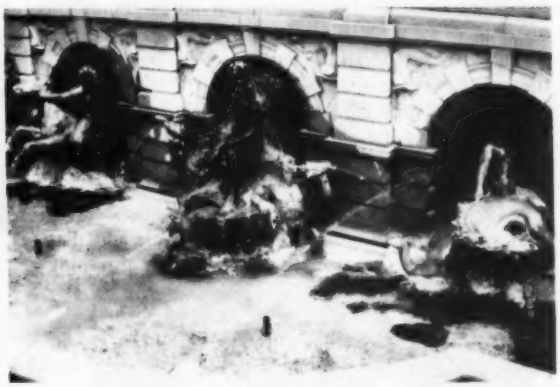
Financing for the coming fiscal year was also discussed. The Ford Foundation grant money is nearly exhausted and appropriations for the commission have not been increased, except for a small amount for subventions to university presses; thus, the "records preservation" part of the commission's program cannot get fully underway. When that new responsibility was added by law, creating the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, an additional $2 million was authorized but not appropriated. Action on requests for the coming fiscal year had not been reported by the Appropriations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives at the time of the meeting.

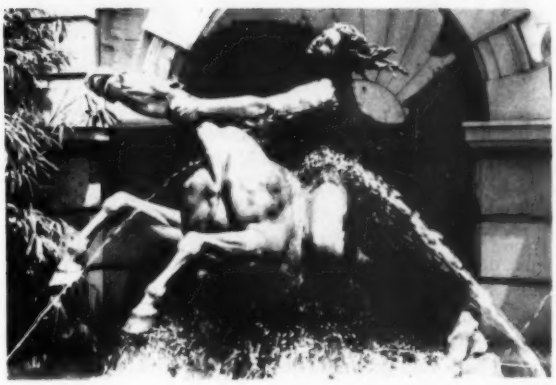
Presentation of the first two volumes of *Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution* was the feature of the all-day meeting. After attending a brief session of the U.S. Supreme Court, the commission, present and former members of its staff, and other special guests met in the East Conference Room. James B. Rhoads, Archivist of the United States and chairman of the NHPRC, James Morton Smith, director of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, which is publishing the volumes, and Merrill Jensen, Vilas Research Professor of History emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, who is editor of the series, took part in the ceremony in which the first two volumes were presented to the Chief Justice of the United States, Warren E. Burger.

Volume I, *Constitutional Documents and Records, 1776-1787,* is an introduction, indispensable for an understanding of the debate over the Constitution. Volume II, *Ratification of the Constitution by the States: Pennsylvania,* is devoted to ratification by that state. Delaware had ratified the Constitution five days before Pennsylvania, but the latter was the focus of national attention because the Constitutional Convention had been held at Philadelphia. Furthermore, Pennsylvania was the first state to call a ratification convention and it met before that of any other state.

Both volumes may be obtained from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Volume I is $20 and Volume II, which includes a microfiche supplement, costs $27.50. It is expected that there will be about 15 volumes in the series.

NEPTUNE'S COURT COMES TO LIFE ONCE AGAIN





Neptune bursts forth from a fan of water and two Tritons herald his coming with spouting conch shells. Beautiful Nereids strain to control their writhing sea horses as four floating turtles spray them with water. In the center, a coiled sea serpent emits a menacing jet and two giant bullfrogs squat below on the rocks.

"Neptune's Court," the fountain in front of the Library of Congress Building, has sprung into life. On Thursday, May 20, the valve was turned to activate a new water system for the fountain, and for the first time in the Library's history, it is believed, the fountain is operating in the way Roland Hinton Perry, its creator, intended.

After the fountain was completed in 1898, openings were left for large water pipes, but only some small copper pipes, visible on the bottom of the pool, were added. City water issued (depending on that day's pressure) from seven points. The water did not circulate but ran continuously down the drains. For the past two years, since the disappearance of the pipes, the fountain has been dry.

In the new system, two eight-inch and one six-inch holes were drilled and a 10-horsepower motor was added to boost the pressure. Now over 1,000 gallons are recirculated every minute in the 12,000-gallon pool.

E. Lawrence Broggini, the supervisory engineer for the Library from the Architect of the Capitol's office who directed the project, said he could find nothing in the Library's original plans to indicate the placement of the water. It was obvious, though, that water was meant to cascade down the central rock, which had been cut for that purpose.

An outside firm, which specialized in fountain work, was brought in and working hand-in-hand with the Architect of the Capitol's staff, designed the

present arrangement. "We took our inspiration from the Trevi fountain in Rome," said one member of the firm. The Trevi fountain, although much grander in scale, also incorporates a central figure of Neptune flanked by sea horses and other mythological creatures.

The water spraying on the Library's fountain was planned to give the appearance that Neptune has just risen from his watery kingdom. The spray from the turtles was directed on the Nereids with the thought that they were keeping their distant cousins wet for their sojourn on the surface. Other jets were added at the base of the seahorses to simulate their thrashing on the surface.

Provisions for underwater lights have been made, although funds are not now available. Lighting would make the fountain a nighttime landmark like the Trevi in Rome, as beautiful at night as by day.

NEW *QUARTERLY JOURNAL* DEVOTED TO FOUR LIBRARIANS OF CONGRESS

An Indiana physician and politician, a Cincinnati literary entrepreneur, a journalist and foreign minister to China, and a lawyer and librarian.

These four men, whose interests were as richly diverse as the collections over which they came to preside, directed the Library of Congress during 80 of its most formative years. Their careers are discussed in the April issue of the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress.* The articles are part of a continuing series on the contributions of the first 11 Librarians of Congress.

In "John Gould Stephenson: Largely Known and Much Liked," Constance Carter, head of the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, reveals that the doctor from Terre Haute, Ind., actively sought the Librarianship as a reward for his work in the Republican Party and Abraham Lincoln's presidential campaign. Stephenson also was, by his own admission, in financial straits. Besieged by people supporting the physician, President Lincoln in May 1861 appointed Stephenson the fifth Librarian of Congress. Aside from his political connections, his only qualification seemed to be that he could "hand down books to M.C. (Members of Congress) as well & gracefully as any one . . ." During his four years in office, Stephenson frequently was away from the Library, devoting his time to volunteer work in the Civil War, often attending to wounded soldiers in the battlefields. In his absence his assistant librarian, Ainsworth Rand Spofford, was in charge of the Library. The fortuitous appointment of Spofford, the author writes, was Stephenson's single greatest contribution to the Library.

Spofford, who succeeded Stephenson in 1865 and served for 32 years as Librarian, transformed the Library from a legislative library into an institution of national significance, John Y. Cole concludes in the article, "Ainsworth Rand Spofford: The Valiant and Persistent Librarian of Congress." Mr. Cole is chairman of the Librarian's Task Force on Goals, Organization, and Planning. In 1861, the Cincinnati bookseller and newspaperman, dissatisfied with the rigors of reporting, came to the Library because it offered "a congenial intellectual occupation" and "largely increased opportunities of acquaintances, especially with public men, editors, and scholars." Spofford's most singular accomplishments, according to Mr. Cole, were the centralization of copyright laws at the Library, which brought into the Library two copies of every copyrighted book, pamphlet, map, photograph, print, and piece of music, and the construction of a massive Library building to house the burgeoning collections. Spofford relinquished his post at the age of 72, but continued working as chief assistant librarian until his death ten years later.

In the article, "John Russell Young: The Internationalist as Librarian," John C. Broderick, chief of the Manuscript Division, traces Young's remarkable career as managing editor of Horace Greeley's New York *Tribune,* his travels around the world with Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, his assignment as minister to China, to his appointment in 1897 by President McKinley as Librarian. His hopes dashed for a diplomatic assignment from the new President, Young nevertheless took over his duties at the Library with enthusiasm. He oversaw the move of the collections into the new building, launched an administrative reorganization, and encouraged staff hiring on merit rather than political patronage. Plagued by illnesses throughout his life, Young died in 1898 after only 18 months in office.

Herbert Putnam, a lawyer by training and the first Librarian to be appointed with previous library experience, served from 1899 to 1939, the longest tenure in the Library's history. In "Herbert Putnam: The Tallest Little Man in the World," Edward N. Waters, chief of the Music Division, surveys the highlights of Putnam's 40 years–his development of the LC classification system, his selection of expert subject specialists for the staff, the acquisition for the collections of valuable materials, including the Guten-

Members of the Cabinet Wives Art Tour visited the Library of Congress and joined Mrs. Daniel J. Boorstin for a sack lunch in the Wilson Room on April 7. Tour Coordinator Brian Willson guided the group on a tour of the Library, and they also paid a special visit to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division where they talked with William Matheson, chief. The visitors were Mrs. Donald C. Alexander, Mrs. John Barnum, Mrs. Jay Blatt, Mrs. James Buckley, Mrs. William P. Clements, Jr., Mrs. William T. Coleman, Jr., Mrs. Frederick Dent, Mrs. William Donaldson, Mrs. Robert Whittier Dudley, Mrs. Jack Eckerd, Mrs. Thomas E. Kauper, Mrs. Thomas S. Kleppe, and Mrs. Edward Levi. Also present were Mrs. David Matthews, Mrs. Carl McGowan, Mrs. John McLucas, Mrs. John Pflieger, Mrs. Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Mrs. Edward C. Samuels, Mrs. Gerard C. Smith, Mrs. Richard Stowers Smith, Mrs. John K. Tabor, Mrs. Luther L. Terry, Mrs. Richard Williams, Mrs. Frank Wille, and Mrs. George Wyeth.

berg Bible, and his encouragement of the arts through endowments, chairs, and consultantships. The article also contains numerous appreciations of the Librarian and his work.

The series on the Librarians of Congress began in the April 1975 issue of the *Quarterly Journal* and will conclude in the July 1976 issue.

The April 1976 *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* is available by mail for $1.65 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (ISSN 0041-7939; LC 1.17:33/2). Subscriptions are $6.45 a year, domestic, and $1.65 additional for foreign mailing. The issue is available in person from the Information Counter, Ground Floor, Library of Congress Building.

LIBRARY TO SPONSOR CIP MEETING

The week of September 13, the Library of Congress will sponsor an international meeting on Cataloging in Publication (CIP) primarily for representatives of countries that presently have CIP programs, but also for persons interested in starting new programs. The meeting will provide a forum for the discussion of problems facing CIP programs internationally, and serve to improve communications on matters of importance to CIP programs. Three days of round-table discussions are planned, with two more optional days for tours of the Library's CIP operations and other Library of Congress offices that the participants want to visit.

Participants are expected from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Great Britain, and West Germany, where programs are already in operation. Invitations are also being extended to persons from other countries that are presently without CIP, but are interested in investigating a CIP program for their nations. Interested persons from abroad should write to Susan Vita, Program Manager, CIP Program, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, about the meeting. Members of the Library of Congress Professional

Association have indicated their willingness to offer participants the opportunity to stay in the homes of Library's staff members.

STAFF NEWS

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Henriette D. Avram, special assistant for network development, spoke at the 1975-76 Library Science Forum Series at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., on March 23. This series has been given annually, beginning with the 1968-69 series, by the Department of Library Science at Ball State.

Mrs. Avram's talk dealt with the various MARC projects of the Library of Congress, regional and state networks in the United States, and the MARC international network.

Mrs. Avram also spoke on "Standards in Bibliographic Character Sets" at the 1976 Spring Conference of the Graphic Communications Computer Association on May 20 in Washington, D.C. Her talk traced the history of the character set development at the Library of Congress and its subsequent acceptance throughout the international library community. Mrs. Avram also described the work in progress in International Standards Organization Technical Committee 46 concerning standard character sets for extended Latin, Cyrillic, and Greek alphabets and mathematical and control sets.

Morton Schussheim, senior specialist in housing, and **Michael Agelasto, II**, analyst in American National Government in the Congressional Research Division, both spoke at a conference on A Decent Home and Suitable Living Environment for Every American sponsored by the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association and the Federal Home Loan Bank System on May 20-21 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Schussheim spoke on "Emerging Issues in Housing Policy" and Mr. Agelasto on "Redlining in Perspective: An Evaluation of Strategies to Deal with Urban Disinvestment."

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Judith Cannan, librarian instructor, GS-13, Cat In, 1386; Cornelia Frazier, production assistant, GS-9, DBPH, 1646; Beautine Henry, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; John E. Jones, Jr., reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 5-600; Patricia McKinlay, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Gaye Pope, microphotographer trainee, GT-3, Photodup, OP 5-100; Barbara Roach, section secretary, GS-6, P&P, 1800; Jewel Williams, secretary, GS-5, Bldgs, 1878.

Temporary Appointment: Edith Terry, bibliographic assistant, GS-5, Orien, 1691.

Reappointments: Karen Jones, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS Ed, NP; Debra Tracy, clerk-typist, GS-4, Ser Rec, NP.

Promotions: Evelyn Fisher, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS A, 1855; Mark Harper, to electronics warehouseman, WG-5, DBPH, 1816; JoAnne Kinnaly, to assistant film editor, GT-4, Photodup, 1886; Joyce Lightfoot, to administrative secretary, GT-7, Photodup, 1852; David Lockwood, to library technician, GS-4, LL AB, 1860; Lloyd Pinchback, to deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 2-600; Betty Smith, to library assistant, GS-4, Desc Cat, 1812; Patricia Sullivan, S&R, to reference assistant, GS-7, CRS F, 1772.

Resignations: Gary Bohl, FRD; Marion Broderick, CRS L; Patricia Brown, G&M; Dana Ellinger, CRS C; Rudolph Gillespie, S&R; Jean Gwaltney, CRS D; Mary Hukill, Health; Don Tippman, Ser; Eric Zengota, Rare Bk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tsai-Hong Wu Miller and **Sam Miller** are the parents of a daughter, Cynthia, born March 27 at the Washington Hospital Center. Mrs. Miller is a copyright examiner in the Music Section of the Examining Division of the Copyright Office and Mr. Miller is employed by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The **Library of Congress Choral Society** will pay tribute in song and dance to America's 200th anniversary of independence on Tuesday, June 22, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium.

MARC DISTRIBUTION SERVICE FOR CANADIAN BOOKS BEGUN

The MARC Development Office and the Cataloging Distribution Service have announced a new MARC service for Canadian MARC records for books. As a result of a non-exclusive exchange agreement signed by the National Library of Canada and the Library of Congress in December 1974, the Library now regularly receives magnetic tapes containing records for books of Canadian imprint in the Canadian MARC format, in exchange for Library of Congress MARC records for books of U.S. imprint. These records constitute the books portion of the Canadian national bibliography, *Canadiana*, in machine-readable form.

The agreement allows the Library to use, modify, and distribute the Canadian MARC records in any way it wishes. The Canadian MARC format, while

very similar to the U.S. MARC format, nevertheless has certain differences in content designation. In order that the U.S. library community might have access to these records in the same format as other Library of Congress distribution services, the Canadian records are being reformatted into the U.S. format.

Subscriptions to the monthly MARC Distribution Service—Books (Canada) will be available beginning with volume three for 1976. Volume two for 1975 will be available as a cumulated annual volume. Volume one for 1974 is available only through the National Library of Canada. Volume numbering of the tapes is consistent with that of the original Canadian tapes. The subscription price is $300 per year. Orders or letters of inquiry for this or any other of the MARC services should be addressed to Subscriber Accounts Unit, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541.

The Books (Canada) records will carry a control number, derived from the Canadiana serial number, which conforms to the format of the Library of Congress card number but is identified as a Canadian record by a prefix. The tapes contain both English and French records for bilingual publications, and the language is specified in the prefix, that is, "ce" for English, and "cf" for French. In the case of records for single-language publications, there is a single record (prefix "cn") but subject headings are given in both languages, suitably identified.

Records from *Canadiana* constitute the basis for shared cataloging in the Library of Congress manual system. Once the initial phase of the Automated Process Information File (APIF) is implemented, the Canadian MARC tapes will be searched on-line. The Canadian record for the book in hand will be incorporated into the APIF file as an in-process record and, in its final form, distributed as a Library of Congress MARC record.

To the extent that the Library of Congress catalogs the titles on the Canadian MARC tapes for its own collection, there will be duplication between titles in the Books (Canada) service and those in the regular MARC Distribution Service. The amount of duplication can be roughly estimated from the number of records on the MARC tapes with Canadian country codes. Between 1968 and March 1975, the average number of Canadian imprints distributed each year was 2,100. Approximately 18,000 records a year will be distributed in the Books (Canada) service.

The Books (Canada) service is the first in a series of distribution services for MARC records received by exchange agreements with other countries. Agreements have already been reached with the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and with the Australian National Library for similar non-exclusive exchanges; others are in process of negotiation.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

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Accessions List: Southeast Asia. Annual Author Index. ISSN 0096-2341. Vol. 1, No. 12, Pt. 2. December 1975. (pp. i-xxxi) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress. ISSN 0041-7939. Vol. 33, No. 2. April 1976. (pp. 75-180) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or in person from the Information Counter, Library of Congress Building, for $1.65 for this issue or for $6.45 a year, domestic, and $8.10 a year, foreign (LC 1.7:33/2).

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Area Studies Groups Hold Meeting

John R. Hébert, Acting Chief, Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division, Library of Congress, was the moderator of a panel discussion at a joint meeting of the Inter-American Council of Washington and the Society for Federal Linguists, on Friday, May 14. Mr. Hébert also gave a presentation on "The Latin American Collections of the Library of Congress." Other panelists included Larman Wilson, American University, who discussed "The Inter-American Council of Washington: A Brief History"; Donald E. J. Stewart, Library of Congress, editor of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies,* who described the *Handbook,* the oldest and most complete bibliography in the field; and Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture, Library of Congress, who delivered a paper on "The Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape." Everette E. Larson, reference librarian in the Library's Latin American, Portuguese,

and Spanish Division, and treasurer, Society of Federal Linguists, read an address by that organization's president, Elemer Bako, Library of Congress Slavic Division, who could not attend the meeting. The panel discussion and the dinner were attended by approximately 50 academic and Federal Government professionals in language and area studies.

[*John R. Hébert*]

NLA Council Meets

The spring meeting of the Council of National Library Associations (CNLA) was held in New York City on May 14. Theodore Wiener of the Library of Congress Subject Cataloging Division attended as councillor for the Association of Jewish Libraries.

Frank McKenna, executive director of the Special Libraries Association, reported for the Ad Hoc Committee on Copyright, recounting the latest developments on the copyright bill in the Congress.

John Corrigan, editor of *Catholic Library World* and chairman of the Joint Committee on Prison Libraries, briefly reviewed the new standards for prison libraries, both juvenile and adult, recently prepared by a joint committee of the American Correctional Association and the American Library Association. CNLA's committee has contributed to the development of these standards.

Nada Beth Glick, editor of the *Bowker Annual*, outlined the contents of the new volume and indicated that a user's survey is being undertaken to increase the usefulness of this work to the library community.

Arthur J. Levine, executive director of the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works, talked about the commission, which was established by Congress in 1974 and is to complete its work next year. A major task is to reconcile the conflicting interests of copyright holders and users as reflected in the controversy surrounding the copyright bill.

The Council's chairman for the coming year is Robert M. Henderson, of the Theatre Division of the New York Public Library; vice chairman and chairman-elect is Br. Corrigan, and Claudia Hannaford, of the Church and Synagogue Library Association, was elected for a three-year term as director.

[*Theodore Wiener*]

Supreme Court Historical Society Holds First Annual Meeting

The Supreme Court Historical Society held its first annual meeting on May 19 in the Supreme Court Building. Founded in November 1974, the society began its operations in the spring of 1975; it now has 1,100 members.

Officers include Elizabeth Hughes Gossett, daughter of Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes and president of the Board of Trustees; retired Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, honorary chairman; and William H. Press, executive secretary.

Through meetings and publications, the Society aims to provide fuller information on the role of the Supreme Court in the American system of government. The first number in an annual series of yearbooks was published this spring.

A general meeting of the members in the afternoon, at which reports of various committees were read, was followed by a guided tour of the Supreme Court Building and a visit to the old Supreme Court Chamber (1810-1860) in the U.S. Capitol.

At an evening dinner, John P. Frank, a recognized authority on the Court and its members, spoke on the Senate and the confirmation of Supreme Court Justices. Mr. Frank's main point was that Justices whose confirmation aroused great controversy in nearly every case had outstanding careers on the bench. Chief Justice Burger also addressed the meeting, recalling several interesting episodes in the history of the Court.

[*Paul T. Heffron*]

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